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Invention I, which is drawn to the system and consists of claims 1-18.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement because the search and examination of the entire present application can be made without serious burden. According to MPEP § 803, "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." See MPEP § 803 (emphasis added). In the present application, the Inventions I and II are very closely related. Any search performed for the apparatus will likely uncover the relevant prior art for the process, and vice-versa. In fact, it is likely that the same prior art will be cited against both the process and apparatus claims if a rejection is issued.

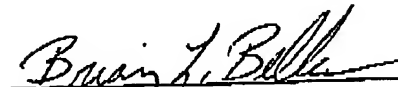
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